

CATHIE-RIKEN Workshop:

*Critical Assessment of Theory
and Experiment on Correlations at RHIC*

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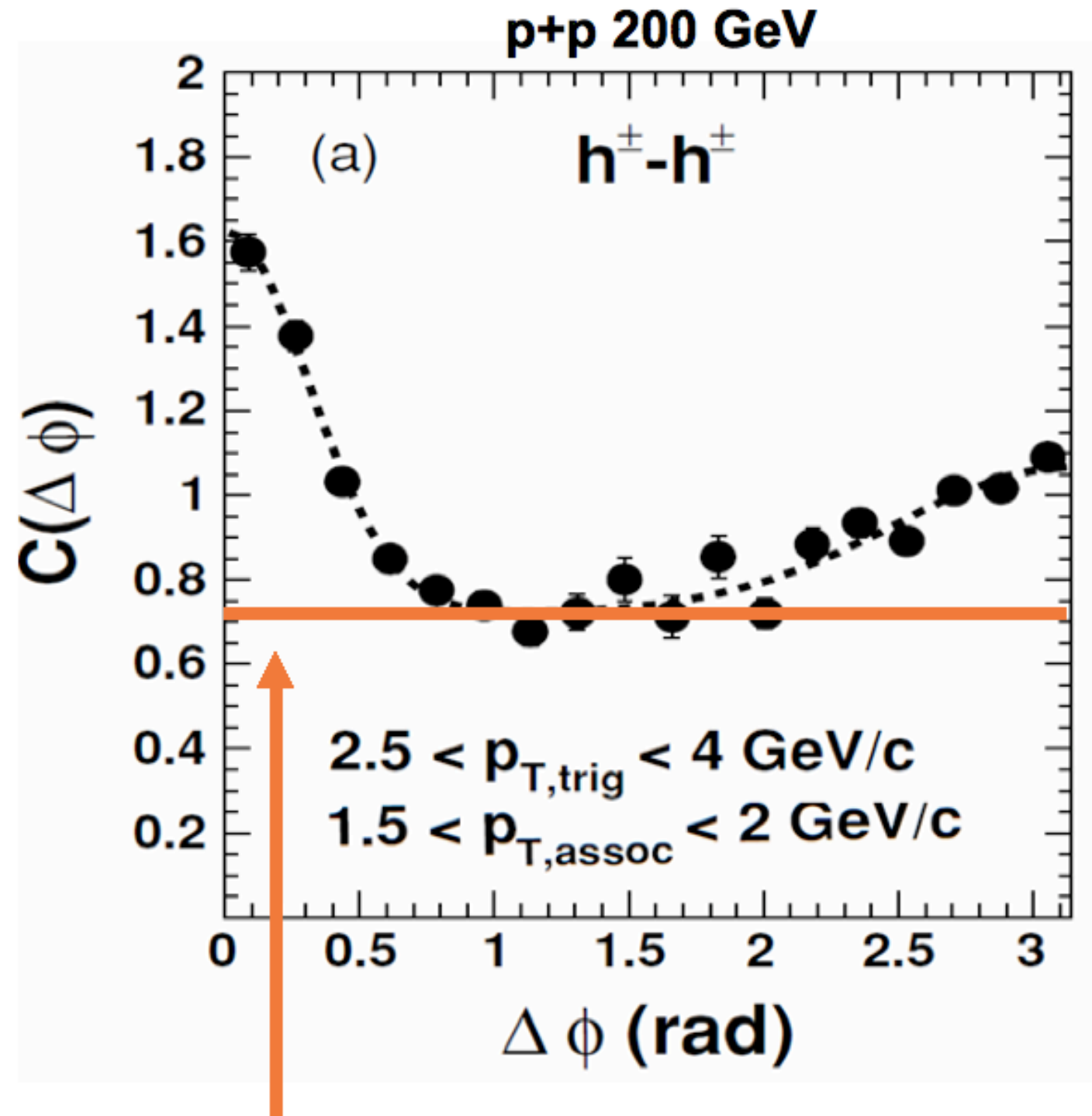
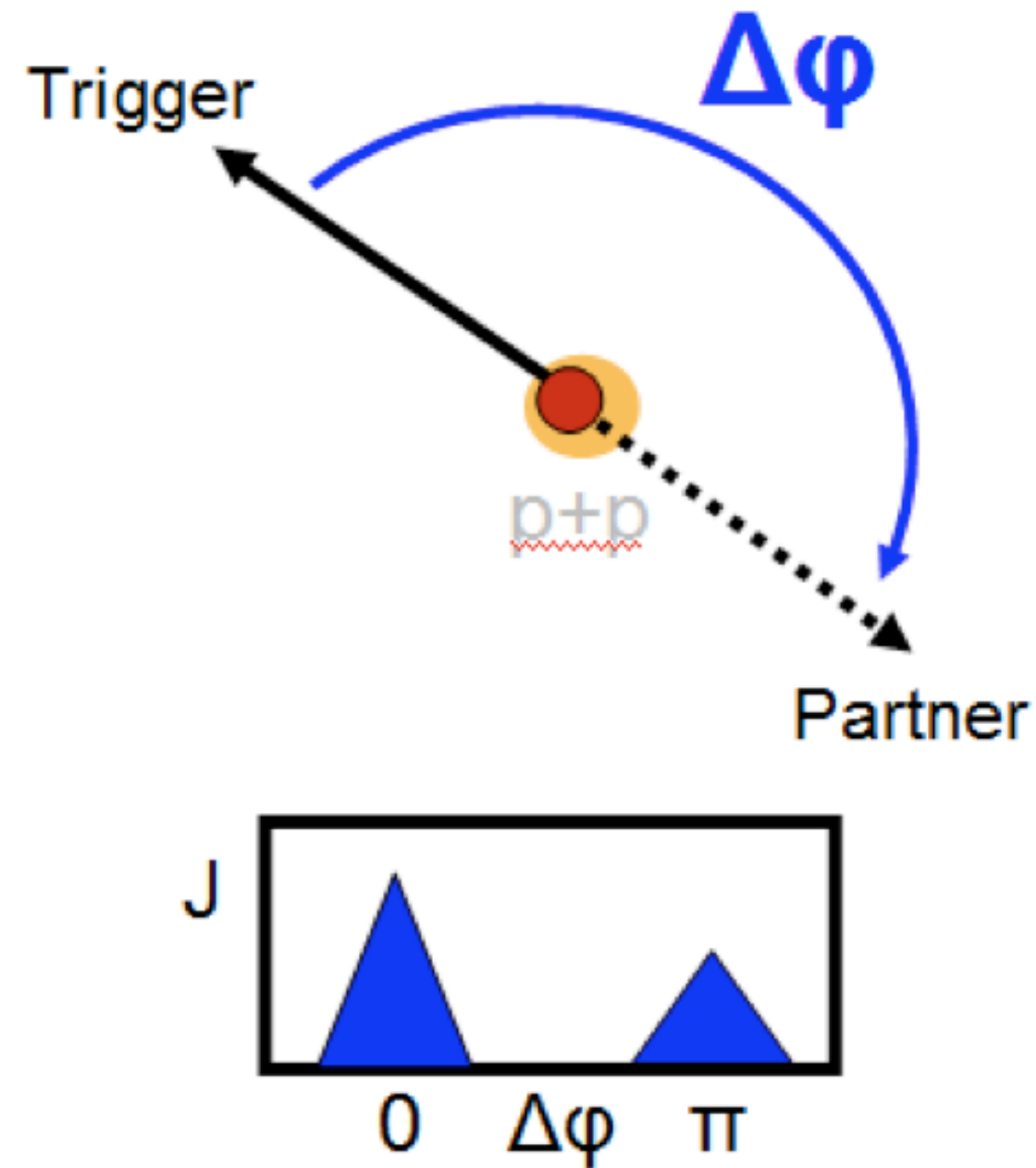
The Absolute Normalization:

Using the two-source model
without a ZYAM assumption

- ZYAM Uncertainties
- Absolute Methodology
- Mach Cones &
Medium Triggering

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ZYAM Methods

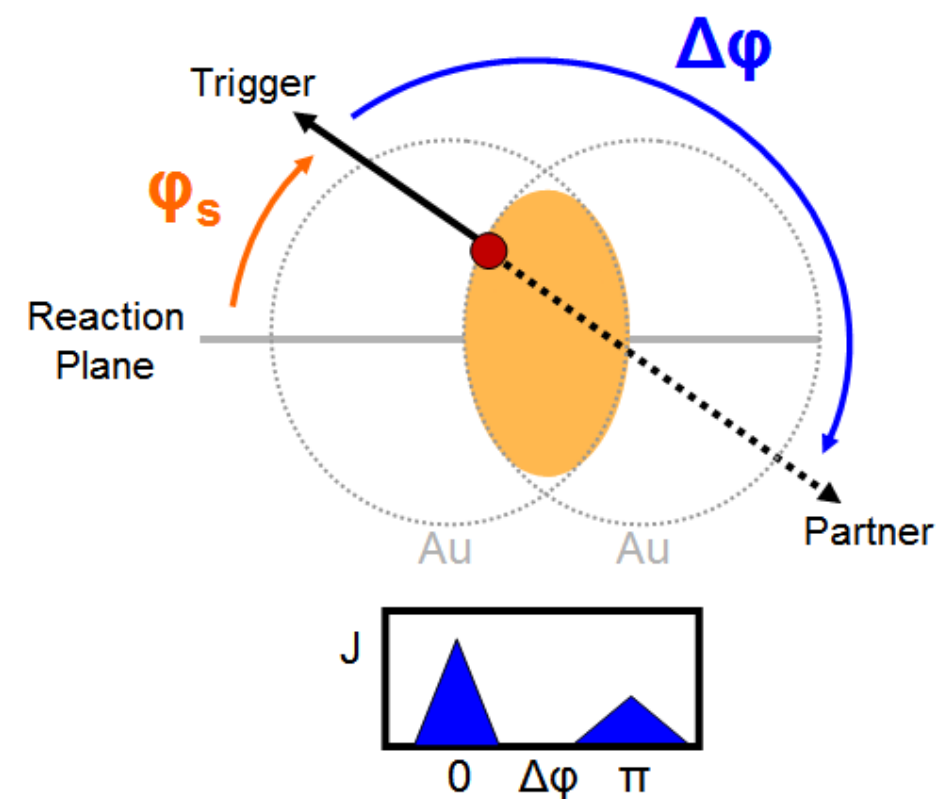
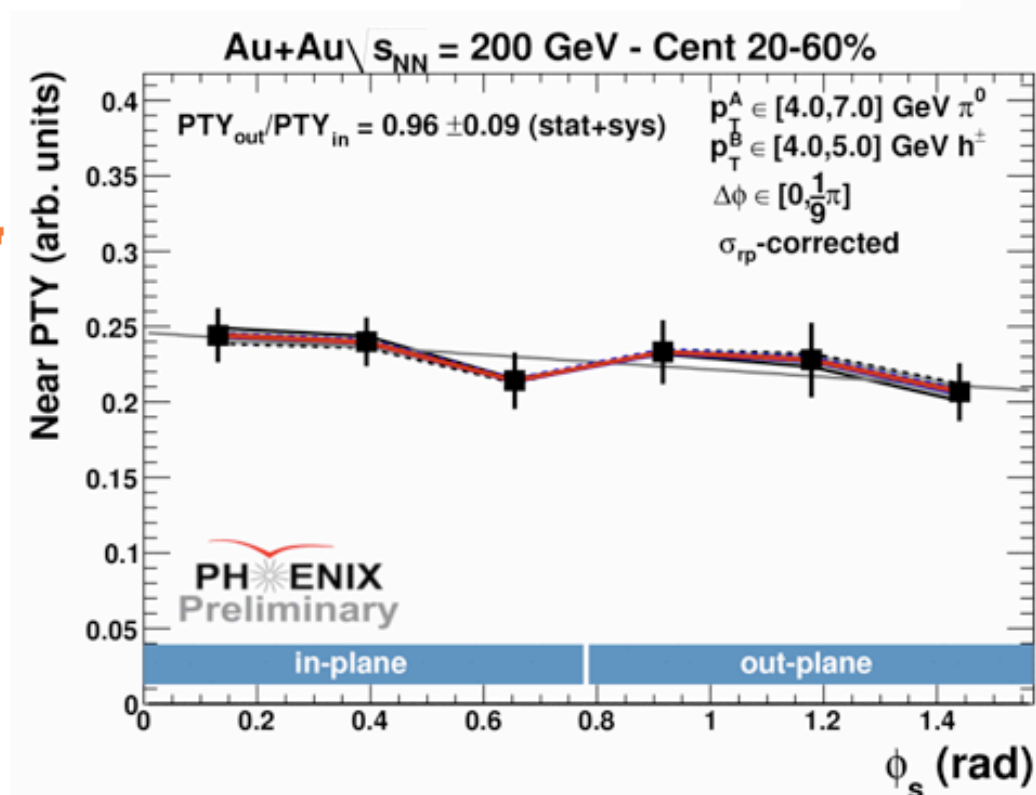
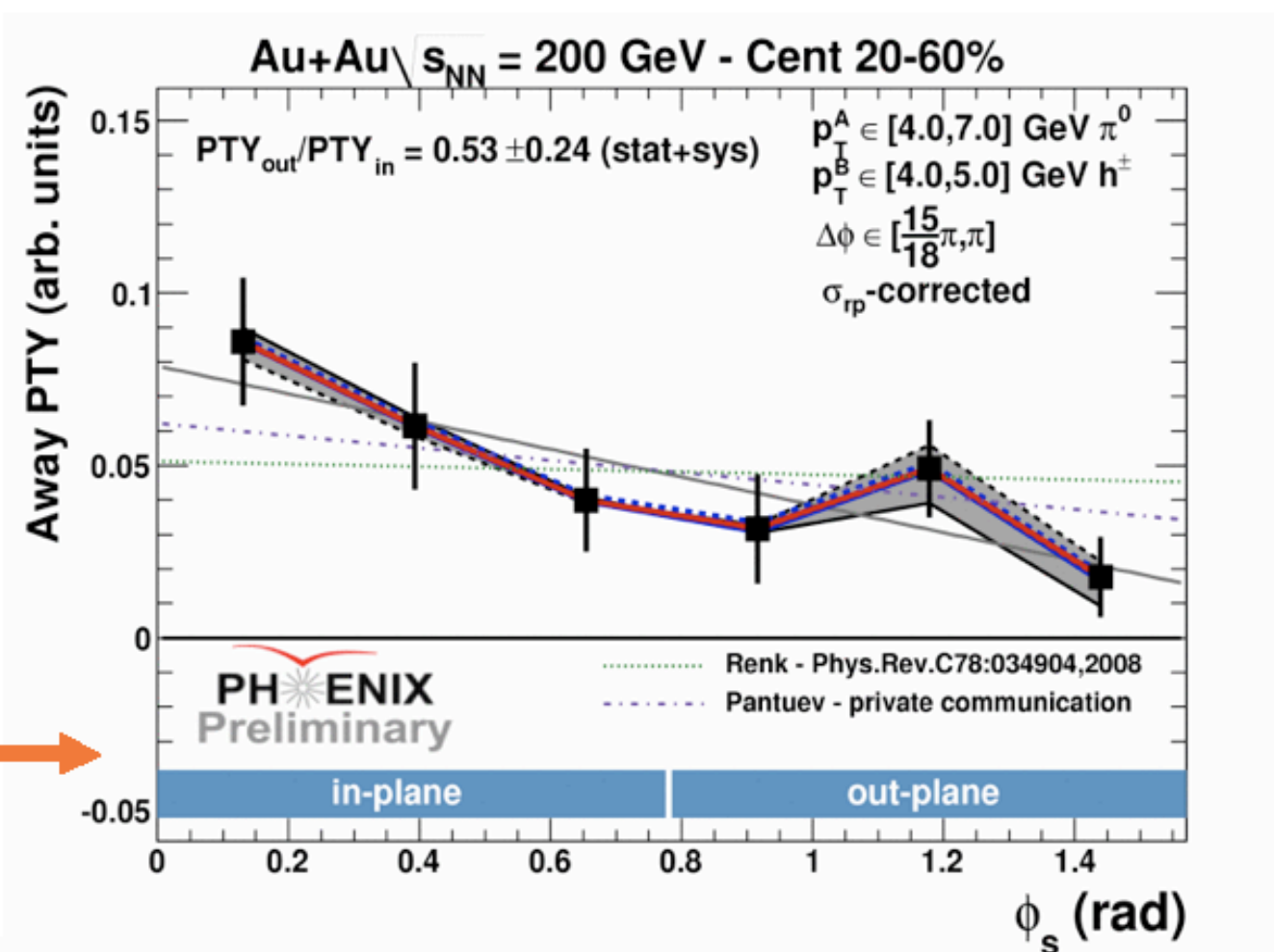
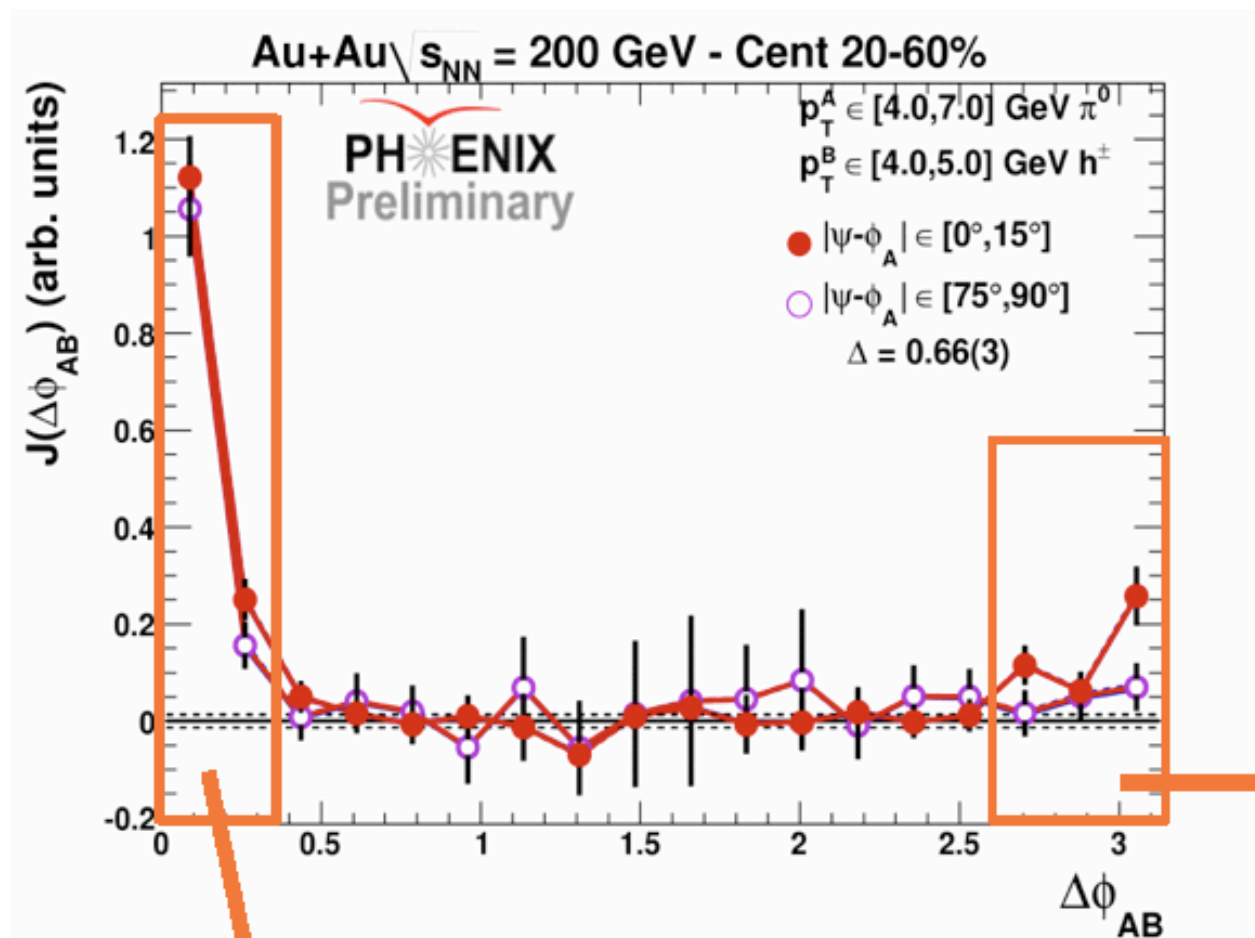


underlying event normalization via ZYAM
(Zero Yield at Minimum)

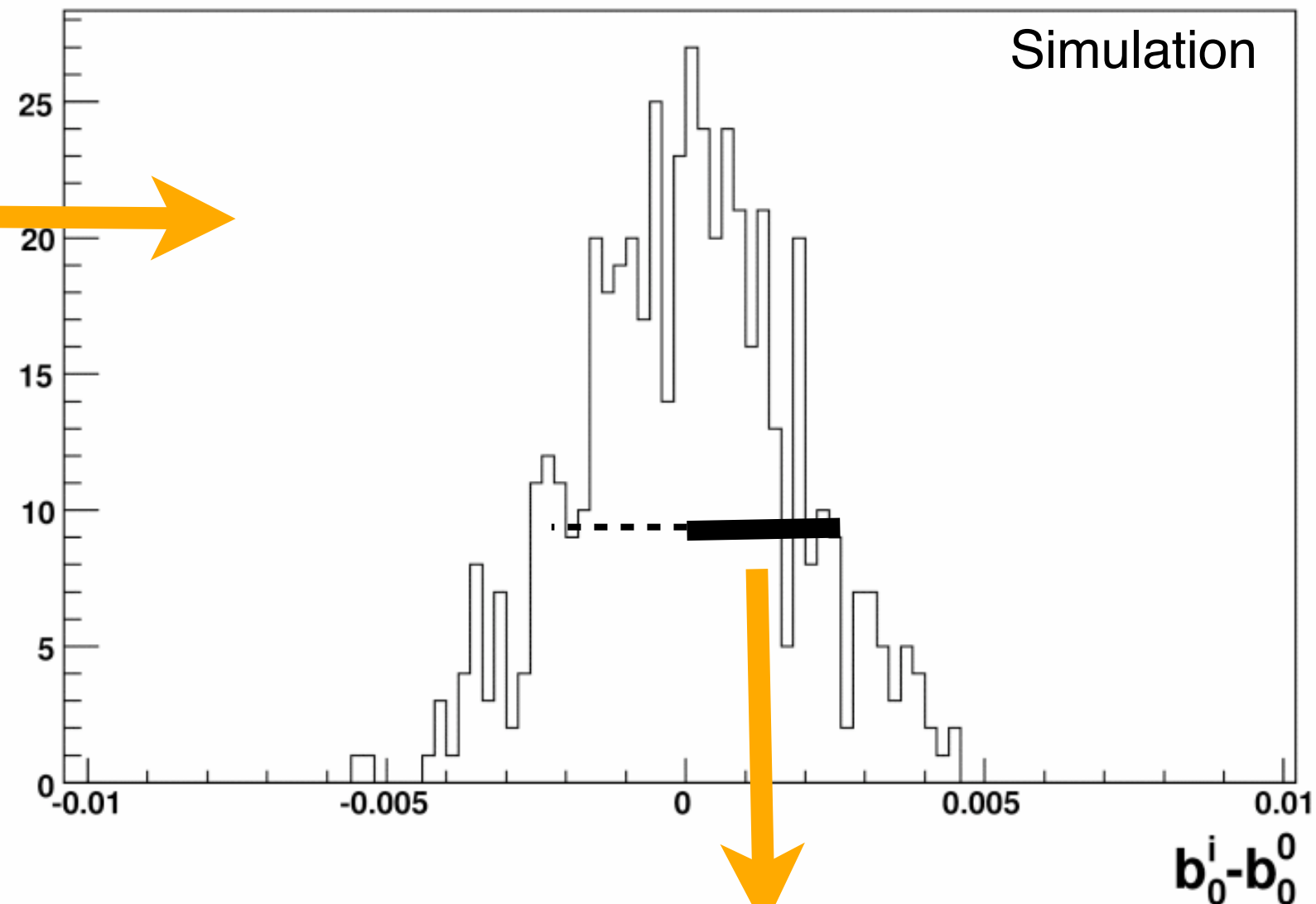
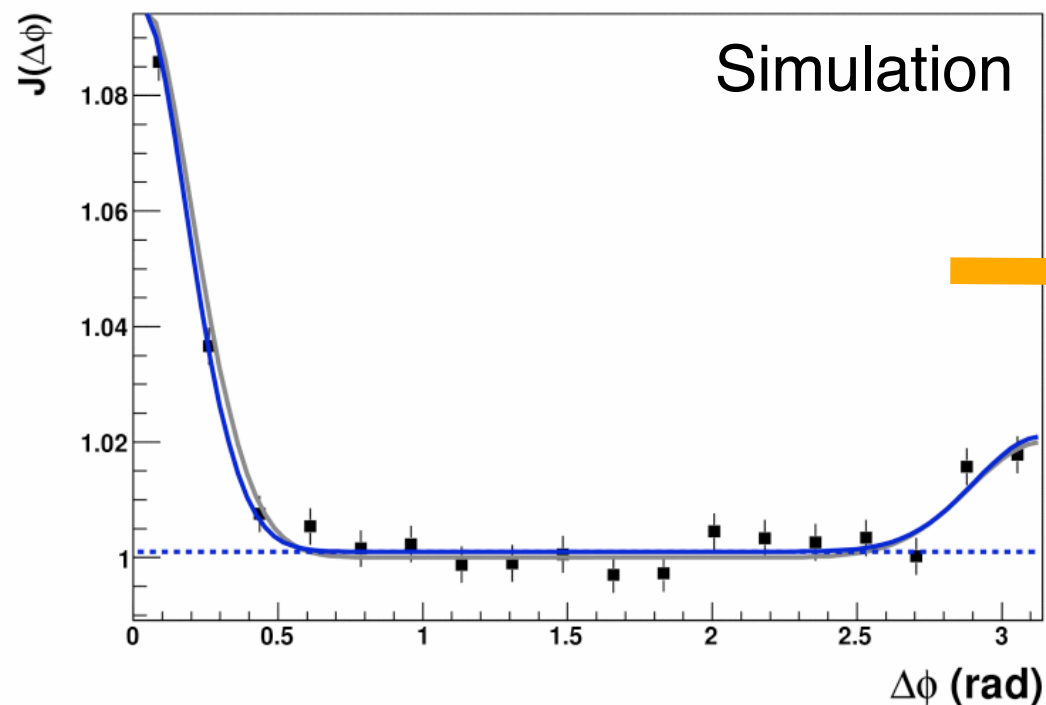
ZYAM Methods: single bin, 3 bin average, fit

Recent ZYAM result

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ZYAM Statistical Uncertainty



σ_{b0}

Don't trust ZYAM
yields without this
error bar!

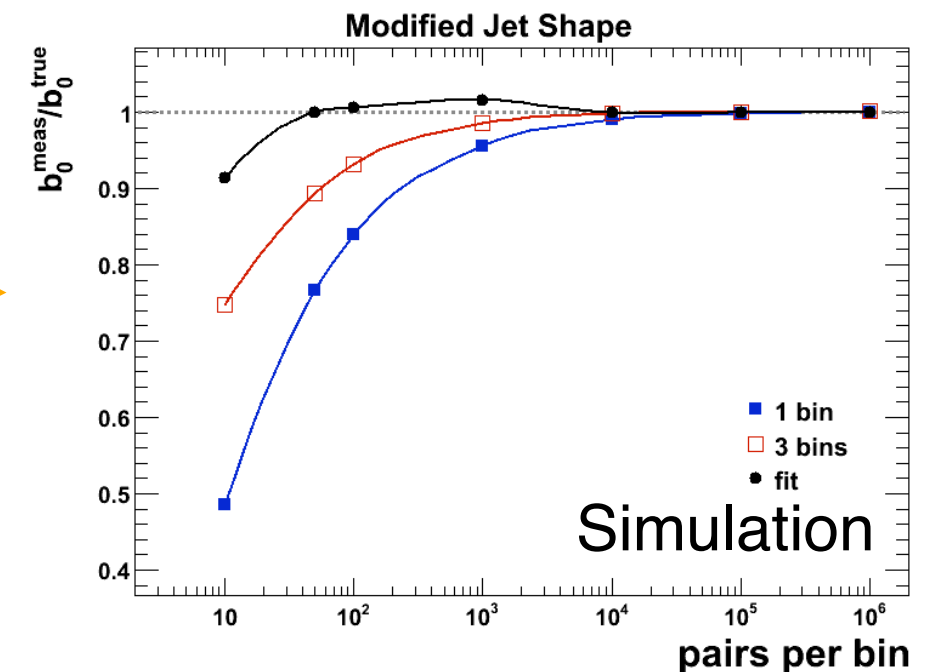
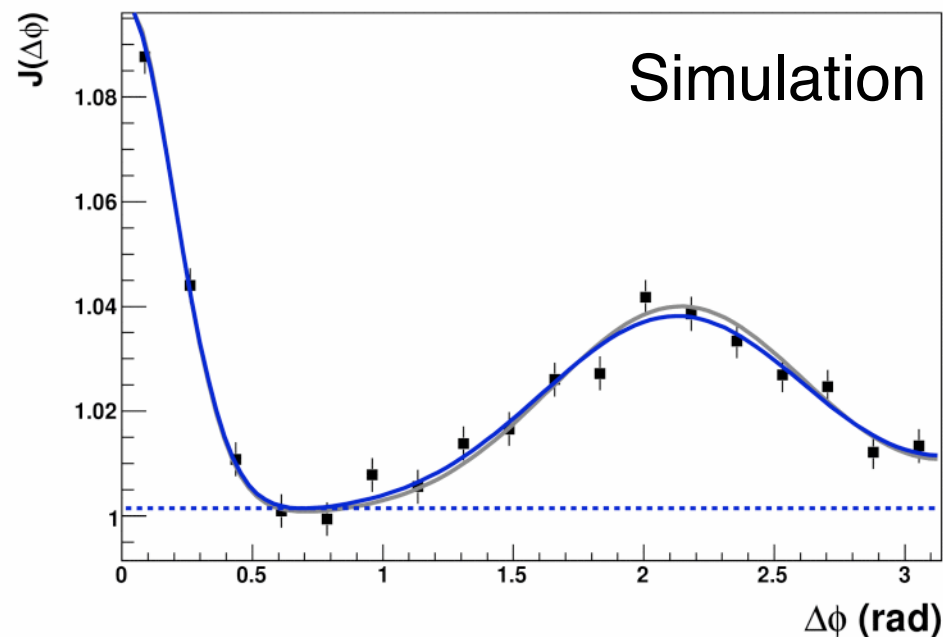
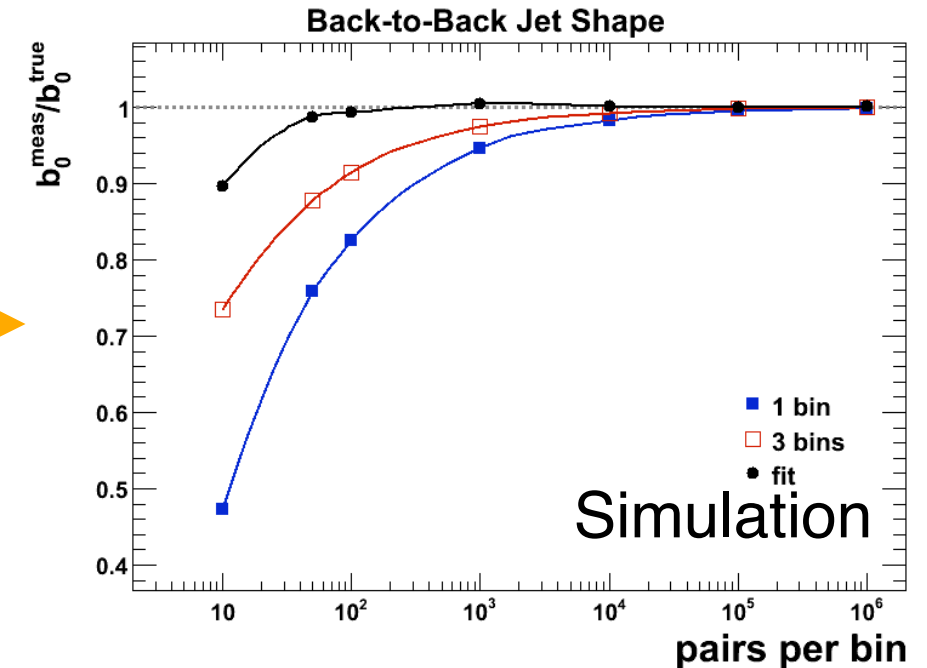
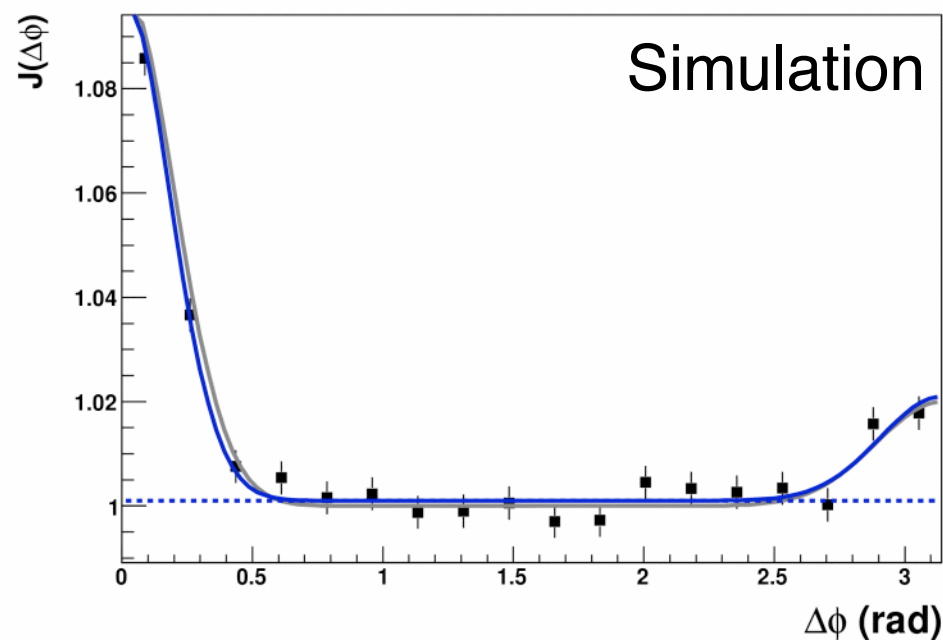
Bin Methods typically use
statistical error of points
(not a real estimate)

Proper Error Calculation:

- Toss new $C(\Delta\phi)$ against measurement(fit)
- Fit new $C(\Delta\phi)$ (fit method only)
- Extract b_0 , & repeat

Scatter of b_0 in tossed $C(\Delta\phi)$ s is the estimation
of statistical error

ZYAM Systematic Uncertainty



Binned ZYAMs deviate significantly from true value at low sampling rates
 Fit method deviates most slowly (no effort to recover failed fits made here)
 These jet shapes show only minor effects on

ZYAM applied at sufficiently low statistics requires an additional systematic!
 (this is ~~usually~~ never done)

Absolute (ABS) Methods

$$C(\Delta\phi) = J(\Delta\phi) - b_0 [1 + 2c_2 \cos(2\Delta\phi) + \dots]$$

There are two equivalent methodologies to set b_0

Mixed Event Method:

Count average pair multiplicity in mixed events

Correct for centrality binning

$$n_{comb}^{AB} = n_{mix}^{AB} \xi \quad b_0 = \frac{n_{mix}^{AB} \xi}{n_{real}^{AB}}$$

Mean-Seeds Mean-Partners Method:

Count singles

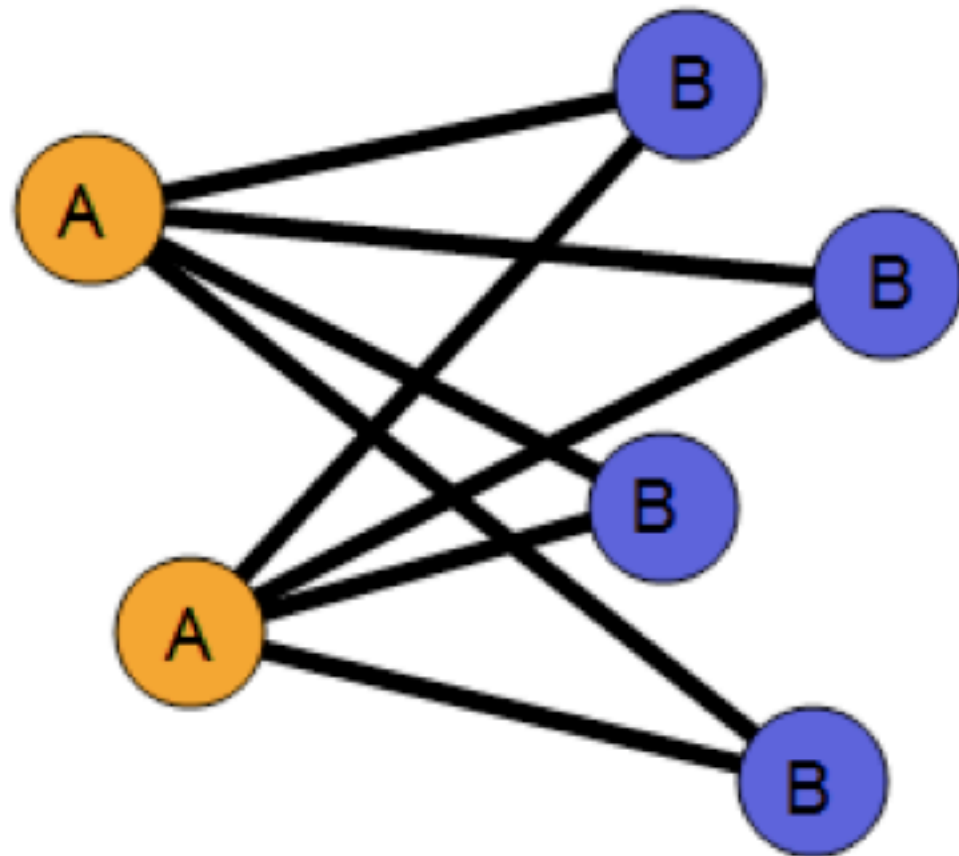
Count pair-cut loss in mixed event

Calculate average pair multiplicity in mixed events

Correct for centrality binning

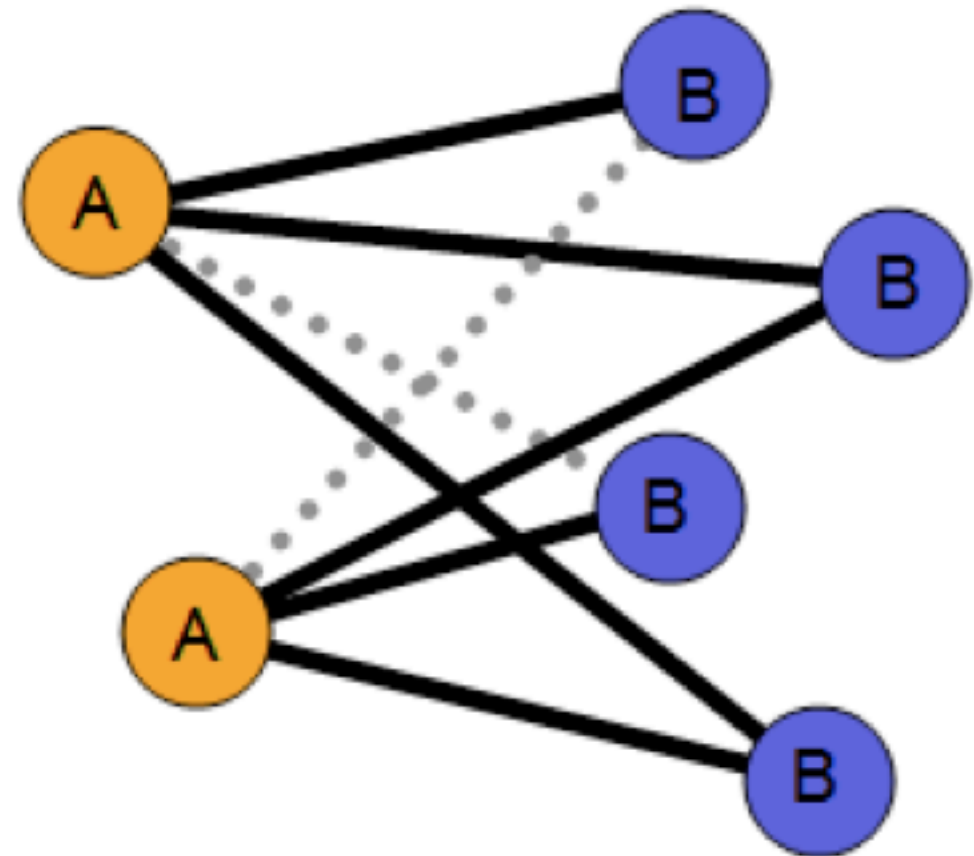
$$n_{comb}^{AB} = n^A n^B K \xi \quad b_0 = \frac{n^A n^B K \xi}{n_{real}^{AB}}$$

**Calculation
without pair cut correction**



$$n_{mix}^{AB} \neq n^A n^B$$

**Calculation
with pair cut correction**



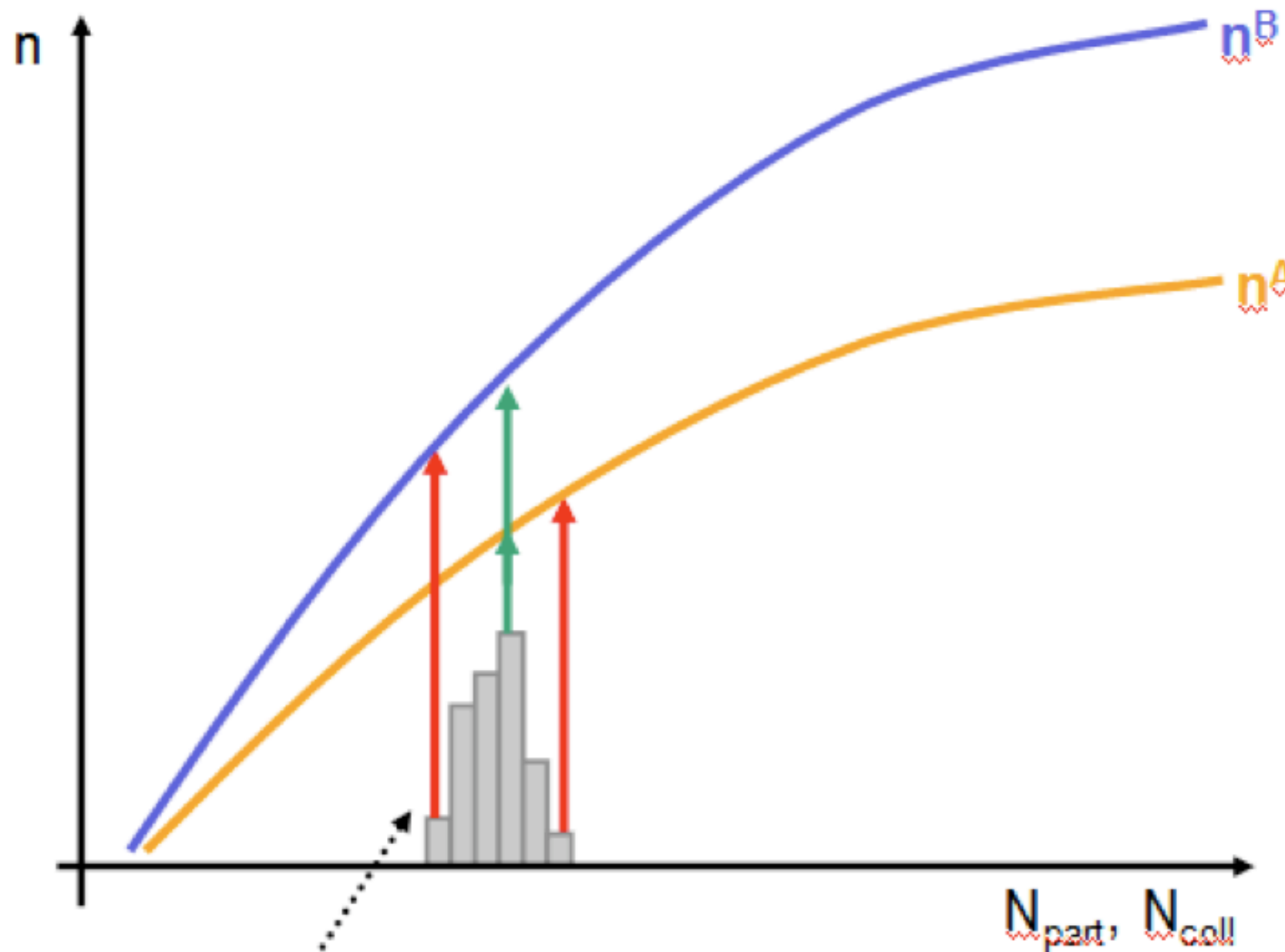
$$n_{mix}^{AB} = n^A n^B \kappa_{pc}$$

κ , the survival probability, is typically ~99.3% and can be estimated in mixed events

Centrality Multiplicity, ξ

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Calculating (or mixing) for backgrounds in a centrality bin requires a correction for the multiplicity dependence across the bin



Foreground Events:

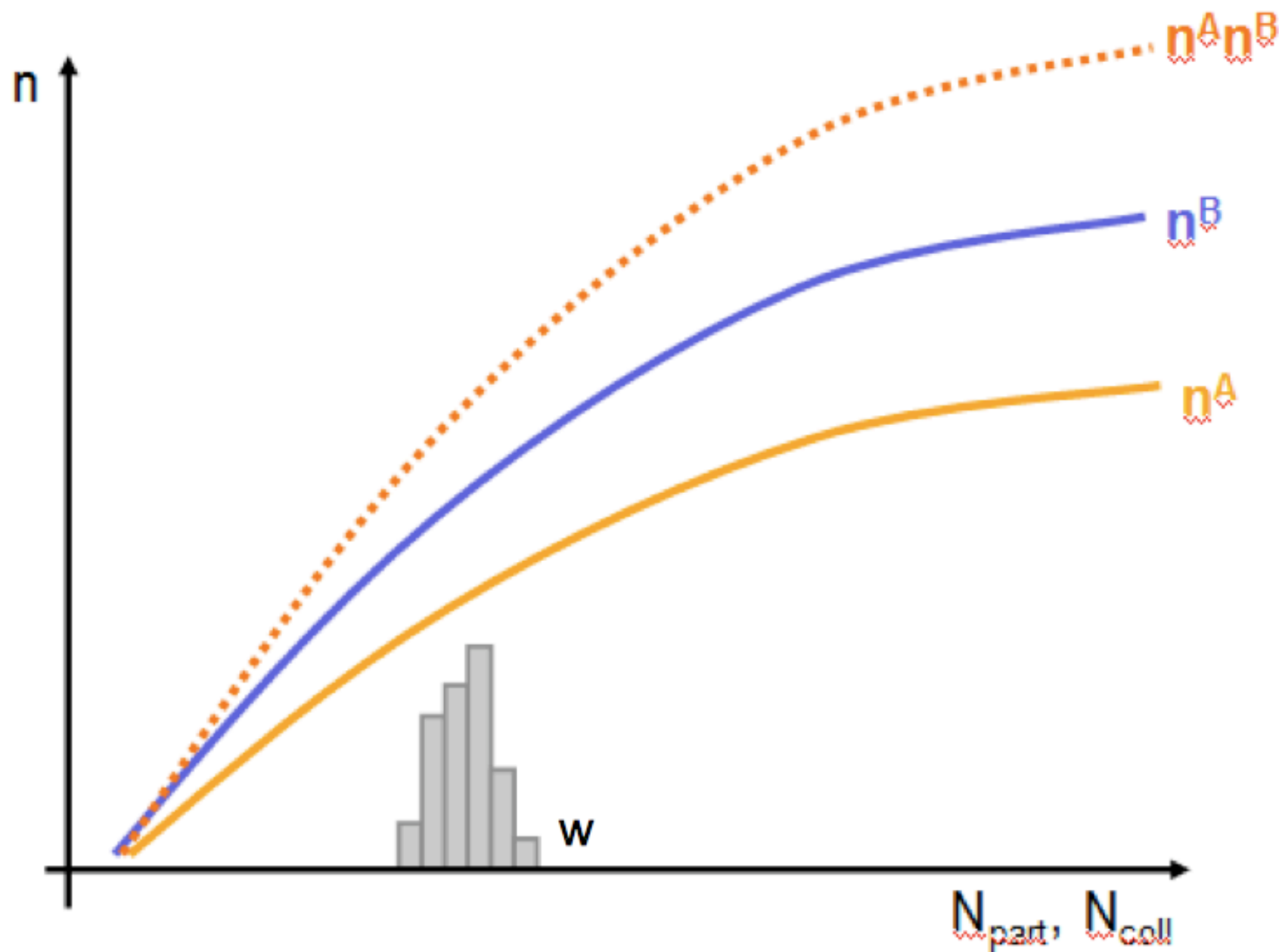
Sample particle multiplicities from the same event

Mixed Events:

Sample particles from different multiplicities

Event distribution in a centrality bin, w

Centrality Multiplicity, ξ



$$\xi = \frac{\langle n^A n^B \rangle}{\langle n^A \rangle \langle n^B \rangle} = \frac{\sum n^A n^B w}{\sum n^A w \sum n^B w} \sum w$$

Cent(%)	ξ
0-5	1.0011(4)
5-10	1.0025(6)
10-15	1.0044(9)
15-20	1.007(1)
20-25	1.010(3)
25-30	1.014(4)
30-35	1.019(7)
35-40	1.025(9)
40-45	1.03(1)
45-50	1.05(1)
50-55	1.06(3)
55-60	1.10(6)
60-65	1.15(9)
65-70	1.3(2)
70-75	1.4(3)
75-80	1.5(4)
80+	1.6(5)

Black points - Inclusive
Curve - Flow
Blue points - Jet = Inclusive - Flow

Peripheral shows pedestal yield

ZYAM does not create the shoulder

Medium Response Triggers

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If the Mach opening angle is near 120° :

Explains the broad Ridge $\Delta\eta$, Shoulder-Ridge similarities

Pairs from the bulk and pairs from the surface add constructively at 120°

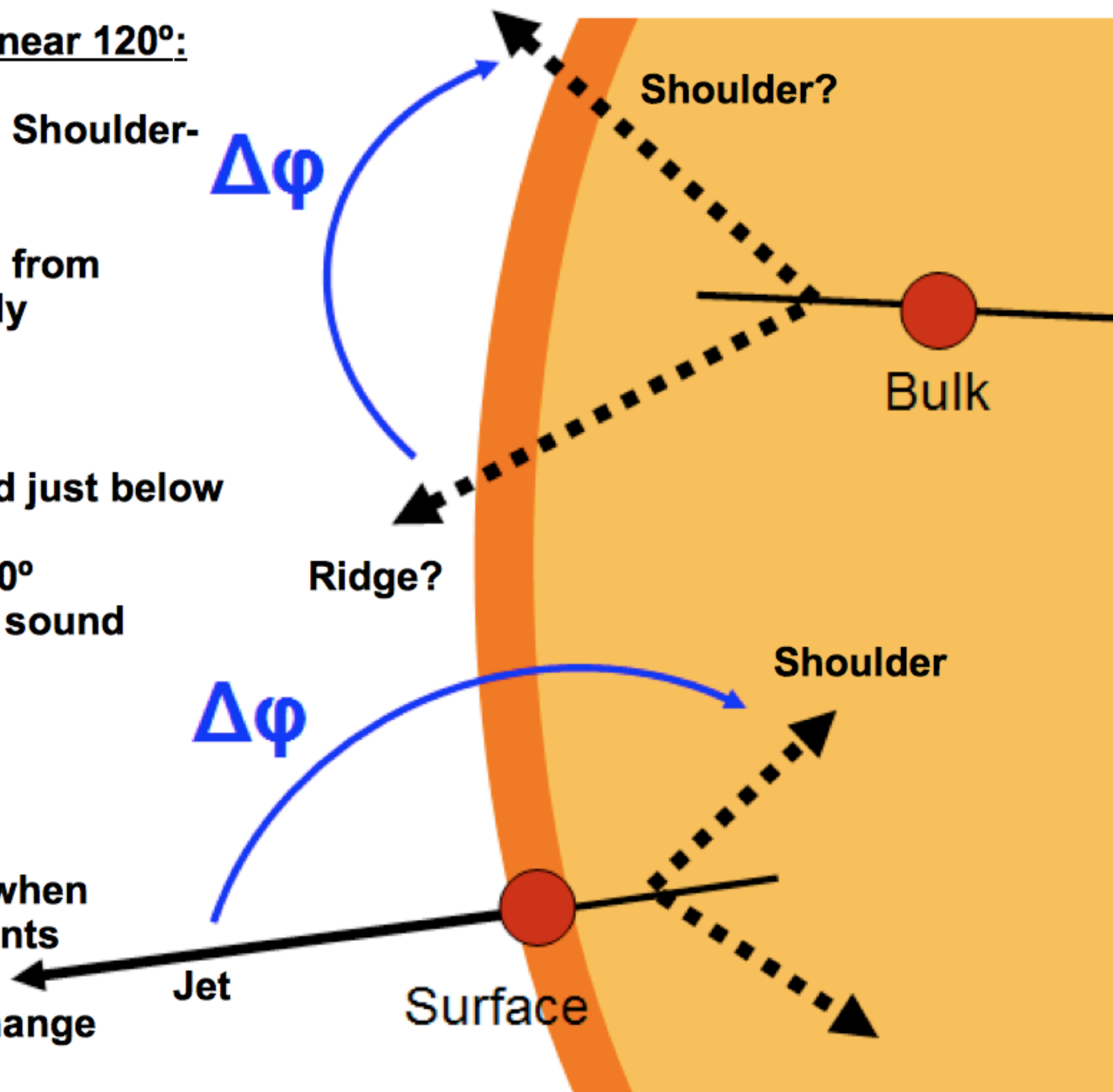
- gives larger PTY yields

Adding angles just above and just below 120° together will drive the measured peaks closer to 120°

- complicates a speed of sound calculation

Predictions:

- Only the away-side Mach cone will appear when triggering on jet fragments
- Peak angle may also change



- ZYAM requires the proper uncertainty estimation
- Absolute normalization methods confirm ZYAM is reasonable
 - ➔ does not artificially create shoulder structure
- Triggering on non-jet fragments complicates the interpretation of correlation measurements at intermediate p_T
 - ➔ per trigger yield \neq per jet yield